



Docket No.: 050395-0369

PATENT

~~IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE~~

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Kohei SHIMODA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4687
Application No.: 10/575,898 : Group Art Unit: 4116
Filed: April 14, 2006 : Examiner: Christine Chen

For: GRANULAR METAL POWDER
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	8	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$210.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented				\$0.00	
Fee for extension of time				\$0.00	
				\$0.00	
Total of Above Calculations				\$0.00	

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

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The following Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2007.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.